IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

a remote data center for storing <u>and providing</u> medical content and medical services <u>to a plurality of users</u>, said remote data center remotely accessible [[by]] <u>to a plurality of users via</u> a portal;

a portal <u>configured to access</u> ~~capable of accessing~~ said remote data center ~~to retrieve~~ <u>for</u> said medical content and said medical services<u>, said portal providing access to said medical content for at least one of viewing and locally retrieving said medical content in collaboration with a plurality of users and providing said medical services to a user at a user terminal remotely via said portal</u>; and

a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center,

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

2.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal is accessible via a web browser.

3.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

4.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

5.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

6.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider <u>remotely storing and providing medical content and medical services for local access and remote execution by a user at a user terminal</u>.

7.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said portal allows said medical content and said medical services to be stored at said remote data center <u>and shared among a plurality of users</u>.

8.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, further comprising a web browser capable of accessing said portal.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The system of claim 1, further comprising an external

access connection for storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data

center.

10.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for

authorizing access to said remote data center.

11.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for

authorizing access to said portal.

12.   (Canceled)

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Currently Amended) A method for accessing medical content and medical services, said

method comprising:

      accessing a portal;

requesting said medical content via said portal;

retrieving said medical content from a remote data center;

requesting medical services via said portal;

accessing said medical services via said remote data center; and

activating said medical services via said portal <u>for execution of at least one said medical service remotely at said remote data center and local display via said portal</u>;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying at least one of said medical content and said medical services via said portal.

16.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein said data center comprises an application service provider.

17.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to at least one of said medical content and said medical services, wherein display of said medical content and execution of said medical service at the at least one link is provided to a user via said portal.

19.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 18, wherein said steps of requesting said medical content via said portal and requesting said medical services via said portal comprise selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.

20.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

21.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

22.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.

23.   (Original)   The method of claim 14, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieval of said medical content from said remote data center.

24.   (Canceled)

25.   (Currently Amended) An information portal, said portal comprising:

a web site for accessing medical content and medical services, said web site providing access to a remote data center storing said medical content and said medical services, said web site providing access to said medical content for at least one of viewing and locally retrieving said medical content in collaboration with a plurality of users and providing said medical services to a user remotely via said web site;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

26.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, further comprising a web browser for viewing said web site.

27.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, further comprising a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said web site and said remote data center.

28.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

29.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

30.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

31.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said web site.

32.   (Original)   The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

33.   (Canceled)

34.   (Currently Amended) A method for storing medical content and medical services at a remote data center, said method comprising:

accessing said remote data center via an external access connection; [[and]]

storing said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center;

accessing a portal to request at least one of said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center;

viewing said medical content from said remote data center at a user terminal via said portal;

executing said medical services from said remote data center; and

interacting with execution of said medical services via said portal;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

35.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 34, wherein said storing step further comprises authenticating said storing of said medical content and said medical services at said remote data center.

36.   (Original)   The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

37.   (Original)   The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

38.   (Canceled).

39.   (Canceled).

40.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

41.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content and said medical services.

42.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said step of accessing said portal comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.

43.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

44.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.

45.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[38]] 34, wherein said viewing and executing steps retrieving step further comprise comprises authenticating access to said retrieving said medical content and said medical services from said remote data center.

46.   (Original)   The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of updating a portal capable of accessing said medical content at said data center to reflect said storing of said medical content at said data center.

47.   (Canceled)

48.   (Canceled)

49.   (Currently Amended) A web based centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

a remote data center for storing and providing medical content and medical services to a plurality of users, said remote data center having a web server, said web server remotely accessible [[by]] to a plurality of users via a web site; and

a web site configured to access capable of accessing said web server to retrieve for said medical content and said medical services, said web site providing access to said medical content for at least one of viewing and locally retrieving said medical content in collaboration with a plurality of users and providing said medical services to a user via a web browser remotely via said web site;

wherein said medical content comprises a medical image and at least one of patient information, library information and administrative information, and

wherein said medical services comprises at least one of a time management service, an educational service and an administrative service.

50.   (Canceled)

51.   (Canceled)